

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

30 July 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE CLOSURE CONSIDERATION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE, TRUCK CITY, 2768 SOUTH RAILROAD AVENUE, FRESNO, FRESNO COUNTY, RB CASE NO 5T10000582

To: Offsite Property Owners and Other Interested Persons,

This letter is to inform interested parties of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) consideration of closing the subject case, and to request comments from interested parties.

The site (Site) was previously operated as a commercial truck stop and repair facility and currently as commercial and light industrial developments. Portions of the Site are being redeveloped for use as part of the California High Speed Rail project.

On 17 May 1995 seven underground storage tanks (USTs), two 10,000-gallon gasoline tanks, two 12,000-gallon diesel tanks, two 8,000-gallon new oil tanks, and one 1,200-gallon waste oil tank, product piping, and associated dispensers were removed. The presence of hydrocarbon odor and staining was noted in the soil by the Fresno County Community Health Department (FCCHD) during the removal. Analytical laboratory results of soil samples collected from beneath the USTs, product piping and dispensers indicated the presence of total petroleum hydrocarbons gasoline range constituents (TPHg); total petroleum hydrocarbons diesel range constituents (TPHd); total petroleum hydrocarbons motor oil range constituents (TPHmo); and benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, and xylenes (BTEX). Concentrations of TPHd were detected up to 120,000 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), with TPHg and BTEX detected in low concentrations. Considered evidence of a release, FCCHD filed an Unauthorized Release (Leak)/Contamination Report and opened an Underground Storage Tank Release case.

Soil investigations were conducted at the Site from September 1998 through November 2017 which determined that petroleum hydrocarbon contamination in soil extended laterally approximately 40 feet from the source area. The contamination extended vertically to groundwater.

Groundwater investigations began in August 2010 when monitoring wells MW-1 through MW-4 were installed on the Site. Depth to groundwater has ranged from 75 to 95 feet below tops of well casings. Regular groundwater monitoring began in August 2010 and continued through August 2018. A network of 25 monitoring wells were installed on the Site during that time. Groundwater samples were analyzed for TPHg, TPHd, TPHmo, BTEX, and methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE). Floating hydrocarbon product was regularly observed in monitoring wells MW-2, MW-3, and MW-9 until December 2013. There have been no observations of floating product since that time.

Site remediation began on 21 April 2011 when a mobile high vacuum extraction system was utilized on monitoring well MW-3 for 24 hours, removing approximately 1,200 gallons of diesel impacted groundwater and approximately one gallon of free product. Free product continued to be removed quarterly when present by disposable bailer from monitoring wells MW-2, MW-3 and MW-9. More than 20 gallons of TPHd was bailed from wells MW-2, MW-3 and MW-9 collectively.

Remediation continued in June 2011 with a soil vapor extraction (SVE) and air sparge (AS) pilot test. The estimated mass of petroleum hydrocarbons in soil prior to the SVE/AS pilot test was 560,585 pounds of TPHd and 411,843 pounds of TPHg. During the pilot test, an estimated 1,250 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons was removed from the subsurface.

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the Site-specific conditions, and under current and near future scenarios, the contamination in soil and groundwater should pose a low threat to human health and safety and the environment.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted the *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy* (Policy). The case has been evaluated for closure based on the evidence presented in the investigation reports and qualifies for closure based upon the fundamental principles and criteria contained in the Policy. The remaining hydrocarbons should not present a threat to public health or the environment.

This public Notice has been transmitted to the parties listed below, as well as posted on the [Central Valley Water Board's Public Notices web page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/, Underground Storage Tank – Decisions Pending, Case Closures).

You may participate in the case closure process by reviewing technical reports, asking questions, and providing comments on the proposed case closure. Details of the Site assessment are also available to interested parties through the State Water Board's [GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>).

The Central Valley Water Board case number is 5T10000582. Information may also be reviewed at the Central Valley Water Board office at 1685 E Street, in Fresno California.

Please submit comments regarding the proposed case closure to the Central Valley Water Board's Fresno office by **30 September 2019**.

Interested parties with questions or comments regarding the site or our proposed actions should contact the case worker, Micheale Easley, at the above address, at (559) 488-4391 or email Micheale.Easley@waterboards.ca.gov.

Upon completion of the public comment period, and in the absence of substantive comment against closure being granted, Central Valley Water Board staff will proceed with the closure process for the case.

Public Notice mailed to the address list in Table 1.

Table 1
Interested Party Survey

APN	Owner	Mailing address	Occupant	Property address
487-140-34	California High Speed Rail Authority	c/o Stephanie Rendon-Fuentes 1401 Fulton Street, Suite 200 Fresno, CA 93721		2768 South Railroad Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725
487-140-575	Yergat Properties	2797 S. Orange Avenue Fresno, CA 93725		2797 S. Orange Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725
487-140-34	Roger Selsor	4492 W. Vandgrift Fresno, CA 93722		2796 S. Railroad Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725
487-100-34T	Not Available			
487-100-35T	Not Available			
487-020-22U	U Parcel	Not Available		
	Fresno Irrigation District	2907 South Maple Ave. Fresno, CA 93725		
	City of Fresno Public Utilities Water Division	2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721		
	City of Fresno Dept. of Public Works and Planning Building Dept.	2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721		
	Fresno County Dept. of Public Health Environmental Health	PO Box 11897 Fresno, CA 93721		